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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Kimura, et al.	)	Group Art Unit : 1637
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Appl. No.	:	09/771,043	)	
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Filed	:	January 26, 2001	)	
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For	:	<b>IMMOBILIZED NUCLEIC ACID</b>	)	
		<b>AND METHOD FOR DETECTING</b>	)	
		<b>NUCLEIC ACID</b>	)	
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Examiner	:	Siew, Jeffrey	)	

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
**AND AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450,  
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Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of U.S. Application No. 09/771,043. In response to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments.